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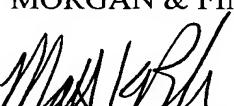
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**CLAIM TO CONVENTION PRIORITY**

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application and under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55, applicant(s) claim(s) the benefit of the following prior application(s):

Application(s) filed in: Japan  
In the name of: Canon Kabushiki Kaisha  
Serial No(s): 2003-024916  
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Pursuant to the Claim to Priority, applicant(s) submit(s) a duly certified copy of said foreign application.  
 A duly certified copy of said foreign application is in the file of application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

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